



Radio Society of Great Britain



City of Bristol RSGB Group - G6YB

[At the Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Redland Green, Redland, Bristol BS6 7HF](#)

Monday June 24th 1930hrs

“Christmas” Meal at [The Swan at Tockington ,Gloucestershire](#)

Members and partners only

Last year the service was slow and they have promised to do better this year if we pre-order.

Please visit their website (the name above is a link) and then send Mike Batt an email (mikebatt@talktalk.net) with RSGB in the subject line, giving your exact menu choices and the cost. Remember to include starters and desserts if you are having them. Some items have options, eg mushy peas or petit pois, so please be specific. If you order a steak, how would you like it cooked?

Members Only ! Please email Mike no later than Wednesday, 19th June.

If you miss the deadline, or decide you are coming at the last minute, please contact Mike as he may be able to sort something out for you.



“How I started in radio” This month from our Chairman Dave G4NKT

Early years

Well like many of us I started out by building a crystal set; I seem to remember it used a commercial coil, could it be Repanco, did they do coils? The tuning was by the ubiquitous 500pF variable and the diode, was it an OA91, I think, can't really remember. I was 9 or 10 at this time; anyway, it worked fine, but on one Sunday morning I tuned to the extreme end of its range. I could hear people talking about their radios and they seemed to live locally because they were mentioning local happenings around Bristol. This intrigued me. I remember looking at the Radio Times to see what programme it was but nothing matched, very odd. Then one Sunday I heard a call sign G2BAR. I asked my Dad about this and he said it was probably a radio ham; he had met some in the war whilst he was working with radar. So I went to the library and found a book about amateur radio, which I believe was written by someone called F J Camm. About a year or so later I asked my parents if instead of having the Hotspur comic I could have something called Practical Wireless; they agreed but said it would have to be every 2 months as it was much more expensive than a comic. Most of the articles went over my head, but in the November 1963 edition there was a free blueprint worth 5 shillings for a Beginners Short Wave Radio. This fired my imagination and I determined to build it. I saved up my pocket money and my school dinner money to gradually buy the parts. Every Saturday morning I haunted Pitts, of guess where, returning with a valve base or some resistors. Eventually I started building it, but the only soldering iron we had in the family belonged to my uncle, a great big electric Wolf, but I managed it, even winding the coils, then came the great day, switch on, and nothing heard, just a bit of mains hum. Eventually, after re-soldering some dry joints and adjusting the coils, bingo, I could hear stations, broadcast stations, and with careful tuning and adjusting the regeneration control a ham radio signal, but this time not from just around the corner, but from around the world.

I was hooked!



Caption Competition

Can you think of a suitable amusing caption for this picture?



The “winner” gets a free raffle ticket at the next meeting.

Last month’s (lower picture) captions included :

Matt’s Technical Briefing left the IOTA operators really enthused. *Steve G3ZVW*

'The scoring rate slowed a little during the final hours of the IOTA Contest' *Tom G3OLB*

"Beware Rag chewers can damage your health!" *David M0DZU*

Roger was trying desperately to remember what happened at the end of the story he was telling Colin! *Mike SWL*

This month’s winner however:

Obviously “photo-shopped” - everyone knows ‘YHV doesn’t have the time to sleep! *John G4DVV*

Thanks John - a ticket in the raffle awaits you !



Send me your captions and pictures ! robin@g3tkf.co.uk

 **Rally Newsletter**

The Newbury Radio Rally

Sunday 16th June 2013
 Newbury Showground, next to Junction 13 of M4, Berkshire
 Open to visitors at 9am and traders at 8am
 PARKING FREE
 Admission: Visitors £2 per person, traders plots £10 each (size 5m x 5m)
 Catering and disabled facilities available.
 Talk-in on 522, 145.550MHz

Following the success of last year we will again have a
DISPLAY AREA
 with live demonstrations of amateur radio, along with a
 wide variety of club stands and interest groups.

PLUS
Free Prize Draw
 For everyone (visitors and sellers) attending the
 2013 Newbury Radio Rally



Amateur Radio in the Country 2013





July 21st 2013 A slightly wider range of interests this year - not just QRP related! Home construction, historical matters, new device and projects etc all in a country setting! Do encourage your local Club to bring along a display of what you like doing! Plenty of space available and others will be interested for sure!

The **Construction Challenge** is to build a keyed side-tone oscillator that does not thump and which can be keyed by either a normal contact, or by RF from the transmitter. It is to be judged by Graham Firth G3MFJ from the GQRP Club. Fresh air, food from the farm and cider/beer from the next door farm!

An interesting Constructor challenge there - Any takers !?

WESTRALLY 30th JUNE 2013



Welcome!	Welcome to Westrally	More info:
FAQ	The Rally is organised on a voluntary basis by the Severnside Television Group, an RSGB affiliated Repeater Group based in Bristol and founded in 1986. It runs the TV Repeaters G83ZZ & GB3XG.	The Rally is held at the 'Cheese & Grain', Bridge Street, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1BE.
Photo gallery	www.stvg.co.uk	Frome is a picturesque old town, with interesting shops & pubs nearby.
Literature	All proceeds from the Rally go to fund the Group's activities and grants are made to other local Clubs that help us.	You can find out more using the following links:-
Previous Traders	The Group Chairperson is Mrs. Viv Green G1DX. Many Longleat visitors will remember Viv as the 'voice of Longleat' and the friendly face behind the enquiries counter.	Links: - Frome Town - Venue
Booking Forms	The Rally Manager is Shaun O'Sullivan G8VPG, a Radio Amateur for over 30 years with considerable experience of organising events of this type.	- Map 1 - Map 2
Latest news:		
January 2013: Trader booking forms available on line.		
You can find us on face book	For further information please contact:-	
	The Rally Manager Shaun O'Sullivan G8VPG 15, Witney Close, Saltford Bristol BS31 3DX. Telephone 01225 873 098 Email : rallymanager@westrally.org.uk	

More details here

Newbury Radio Rally : 16th June <http://www.nadars.org.uk/rally.asp>

West Radio Rally : 30th June <http://www.westrally.org.uk/>

Usual venue in Frome - contact [Shaun G8VPG](#) for more details

Radio in the Country : 15th July <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~walfor/>

Further details can be had from [Tim Walford G3PCJ](#).

Coming soon to the Bristol Group :

July 29th: "Potted" talks ** including "The World Global Village 2013" G3SJI

Aug 26th: RSGB training update from the RSGB T&E Chair G0FUW

Sept 30th: H44KW - Phil Whitchurch G3SWH

At the local clubs : NOTE the new Bath and District ARC

Full details and more on the websites below

Bath and District ARC <http://badarc.webs.com/>

Chepstow and District ARC <http://www.gw4lwz.org.uk/>

Chippenham & DARC <http://www.g3vre.org.uk/archive.asp>

MidSARC www.midsarc.org.uk/

North Bristol ARC <http://www.nbarc.org.uk/>

Shirehampton <http://www.shirehampton-arc.org.uk>

South Bristol ARC <http://www.sbarc.co.uk/calendar/>

Thornbury and South Gloucs ARC <http://www.tsgarc.ham-radio-op.net>

Trowbridge and District ARC <http://www.radioclubs.net/trowbridgedarc/events.php>

A shorter newsletter this month .

If you want to buy or sell something, let me know !

I need articles for "How I started in radio" - even if nobody else does, I will find it interesting!

**** We ALSO need a few speakers for NEXT month (JULY) - only 10mins on your favourite subject (not even radio!) ... let me know asap !**

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